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Honorable William H. Webster Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Enclosed please find a copy of the bill, H.R. 3603, which has recently been referred to this Subcommittee. The Subcommittee would appreciate having your comments on the bill at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

JACK BROOKS

Enclosure

100TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H.R.3603

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To clarify and restate the Comptroller General's authority to audit the financial transactions and evaluate the programs and activities of the Central Intelligence Agency, and for other purposes.

#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**NOVEMBER 3, 1987** 

Mr. Panetta (for himself, Mr. Fascell, Mr. Brown of California, Mr. Gray of Pennsylvania, Mr. Dorgan of North Dakota, Mr. Smith of Florida, Mr. Dellums, Mr. Pickett, Mr. Stark, Mr. Olin, Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Fauntroy, Mr. Pease, Mr. Ford of Michigan, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Kaptur, Mr. Defazio, Mr. Conyers, Mr. Bates, Mr. Evans, Mr. Kildee, Mr. Owens of Utah, Mr. Traxler, Mr. Studds, Mr. Edwards of California, Mr. Traficant, Mr. Eckart, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Waxman, Mr. Kolter, Mr. Hawkins, and Mr. Torres) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Government Operations and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

### A BILL

To clarify and restate the Comptroller General's authority to audit the financial transactions and evaluate the programs and activities of the Central Intelligence Agency, and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That this Act may be cited as the "CIA Accountability Act
- 4 of 1987".

SEC. 2. (a) Title 31, United States Code, is amended by
inserting after section 3523 the following new section:
§ 3523a. Audit of Central Intelligence Agency activities
"(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
Comptroller General shall audit the financial transactions and
shall evaluate the programs and activities of the Central
Intelligence Agency—
"(1) on the initiative of the Comptroller General;
or
"(2) when requested by the Chairman or the
ranking minority member of the Select Committee on
Intelligence of the Senate or the Permanent Select
Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representa-
tives.
"(b) Whenever the Comptroller General conducts an
audit or evaluation pursuant to subsection (a), the Comptrol-
ler General shall provide the results of such audit or evalua-
tion only to the Select Committee on Intelligence of the
Senate, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of
the House of Representatives, and the Director of Central
Intelligence.
"(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
Comptroller General may inspect and copy any relevant
books, documents, papers, records, other information, includ-
ing written or recorded information of all kinds, and property

which belongs to, or is in the possession or control of, the  $\mathbf{2}$ Central Intelligence Agency in order to perform audits and evaluations pursuant to subsection (a). The Comptroller General shall also be provided access to the officers and employees of the Central Intelligence Agency at such reasonable times as the Comptroller General considers necessary to carry out such audits and evaluations. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Comptroller General shall not be provided access to any officer or employee of the Central Intelligence Agency if the President determines that access 11 to any such officer or employee is not in the national interest. 12 The President shall prepare and transmit a report to the 13 Comptroller General and the chairman and ranking minority 14 member of each committee referred to in subsection (a)(2) of 15 this section setting forth his determination. The President 16 may not delegate the making of a determination under this 17 subsection to any officer or employee of the Executive 18 Branch. 19 "(d)(1) After consultation with the Select Committee on 20 Intelligence of the Senate and with the Permanent Select 21 Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives, 22 the Comptroller General shall establish procedures to protect 23 from unauthorized disclosure all classified and other sensitive 24 information furnished to the Comptroller General or his rep-25 resentatives under this section.

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"(2) All workpapers of the Comptroller General and all 1 records and property of the Central Intelligence Agency that the Comptroller General uses during an audit or evaluation 3 under this section shall remain in facilities provided by the Central Intelligence Agency. Procedures established by the Comptroller General pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall include provisions specifying the method and duration of any temporary removal of workpapers from facilities provided by the Central Intelligence Agency. 9 "(3) Before initiating an audit or evaluation under this 10 section, the Comptroller General shall provide the Director 11 of Central Intelligence with the names and other relevant 12 information concerning each officer and employee of the Gen-13 eral Accounting Office who may have access to, or otherwise 14 be provided with, classified or other sensitive information in connection with an audit or evaluation for purposes of securi-16 ty clearance reviews. The Director of Central Intelligence 17 shall complete the necessary security clearance reviews on 18 19 an expedited basis. "(4) The Comptroller General shall provide the Director 20 of Central Intelligence with the name of each officer and em-21 22 ployee of the General Accounting Office who has obtained a security clearance from the Central Intelligence Agency and 23 to whom, upon proper identification, the officers, employees, 24

1	records, and property of the Central Intelligence Agency			
2	shall be made available in carrying out this section.			
3	"(e) This section may be superseded only by a law en-			
4	acted after the date of enactment of this section specifically			
5	repealing or amending this section.			
6	"(f) The authority provided in this section is in addition			
7	to the authority that the Comptroller General has to invest			
8	gate, audit, and evaluate the financial transactions, pro-			
9	grams, and activities of any other establishment or agency of			
10	the Government of the United States.".			
11	(b) The table of sections for chapter 35 of title 31,			
12	United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item			
13	relating to section 3523 the following new item:			
	"3523a. Audit of Central Intelligence Agency activities.".			
14	SEC. 3. (a) Section 3524 of title 31, United States			
15	Code, is amended—			
16	(1) in the first sentence of subsection (a)(1), by			
17	striking out "The" and inserting in lieu thereof the fol-			
18	lowing: "Except with respect to audits or evaluations			
19	of the Central Intelligence Agency as provided in sec-			
20	tion 3523a of this title, the";			
21	(2) in subsection (c), by inserting "(other than ac-			
22	tivities conducted by the Central Intelligence Agency)"			
23	after "activities";			

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(3) by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

1	"(d) This section does not apply to expenditures under
2	section 102, 103, 105(d) (1), (3), or (5), or 106(b) (2) or (3) of
3	title 3."; and
4	(4) in subsection (e), by striking out "or a finan-
5	cial transaction under section 8(b) of the Central Intel-
6	ligence Act of 1949 (50 U.S.C. 403j(b))".
7	(b) Section 8(b) of the Central Intelligence Act of 1949
8	is amended—
. 9	(1) by inserting "(other than section 3523a of title
10	31, United States Code)" after "Government funds";
11	and
12	(2) by adding at the end thereof the following new
13	sentence: "The Comptroller General shall audit ex-
14	penditures made for objects of a confidential, extraordi-
15	nary, or emergency nature to be accounted for solely
16	on the certificate of the Director.".
17	(c) Section 716(d)(1)(A), title 31, United States Code, is
18	amended by inserting "(other than activities conducted by the
19	Central Intelligence Agency)" after "activities" the first
20	place it appears.

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